## FY 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime. The program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve—engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in all 94 districts.

With PSN, each USAO is responsible for establishing a collaborative team of federal, state, local, and tribal (where applicable) law enforcement and community partners to implement a strategic plan for investigating, prosecuting, and preventing violent crime. Through the PSN team (referred to as the "PSN team"), each district will implement the five design features of PSN—leadership, partnership, targeted and prioritized enforcement, prevention, and accountability—to address violent crime in their respective districts. PSN also encourages the development of practitioner-researcher partnerships that use data, evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and make communities safer.

The PSN Program's objectives are to: 1) implement effective programs and strategies that enable PSN teams to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime; 2) effectively use intelligence and data to identify high crime areas and prolific violent offenders; and 3) create and maintain ongoing coordination among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials. Eligible applicants are limited to the Southern District of West Virginia (Charleston, Beckley, Huntington, Parkersburg, and Bluefield). Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. 60701-05, 30 percent of PSN funding must be used to support gang task forces in regions in the United States experiencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or transnational organizations engaging in high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.

Completed applications are due at JCS no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2021

Faxed and late applications will not be accepted.

To access an electronic version of the grant application, please visit:

https://djcs.wv.gov/grant-programs/Specialized%20Programs/Pages/Project-Safe-Neighborhoods.aspx

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